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SUBJECT: EXCELSIOR ARTICLES ON EXCLUSION OF SUGAR FROM GSP

BENEFITS

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- 1. ENCLOSURE 3 REFAIR INDICATES SUGAR EXPORTS FROM COSTA RICA UNDER TSUS CATEGORY 155.20 INELIGIBLE FOR GSP BENEFIT UNDER COMPETITIVE NEED FORMULA.
- 2. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES IN EXCELSIOR JANUARY 3, 4 AND 6 ON GSP HAVE EMPHASIZED EXCLUSION OF SUGAR. EMBASSY PLANS PRESS RELEASE CLEARLY EXPLAINING REASON FOR EXCLUSION. HOWEVER, IN LATEST ARTICLE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF SUGAR LEAGUE CLAIMS COSTA RICA DID NOT SHIP IN EXCESS OF \$25 MILLION IN SUGAR TO U.S. IN 1974. CENTRAL BANK FIGURE FOR TOTAL SUGAR EXPORTS FOR 1974 IS SLIGHTLY LESS THAN \$25 MILLION. COMPUTERS RUN ON GSP PRODUCTS SENT EMBASSY BY DESK OFFICER SHOWS VALUE OF SUGAR IMPORTS AS \$32,585,478. SUSPECT DIFFERENCE IN FIGURES MAY BE DUE TO DIFFERENT METHODS OF EVALUATION UNCLASSIFIED

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(E.G. FOB, VS. CIF) BUT IN ORDER TO COUNTER CLAIM, NEED

CONFIRMATION SOONEST OF VALUE COSTA RICAN SUGAR EXPORTS
TO U.S. 1974 WITH EXPLANATION HOW THIS FIGURE COMPILED.
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